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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Katsuaki TAJIMA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9740
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced patent application is hereby made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. It is respectfully requested that the RCE be approved.

Please charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) to Deposit Account 500417. Along with this request, Applicant submits this amendment. Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 and 3 of this response.